

BOSTON POLICE HOMICIDE UNIT
(Investigation report)

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Incident location 39 Eastbourne St	Case #	Method Bomb
Report Re: Interview Jeffrey Berry		Date 10-28-91

On Monday, October 28, 1991 Sgts Flynn & Spellman, Dets Dwyer & Molloy went to the Dedham P.D. and had conversation with Dedham detectives Sgt. Mike Ware, Marty Fitzhenry and Dan Panciocco relative to the bombing incident at 39 Eastbourne St.

At that time the above officers went to 106 Washington St., Dedham to the Dedham Service Center, phone # 326-1420. Upon arrival we spoke with Jeffrey Berry, W/M, dob 3-28-55, 277 Lincoln St., Stoughton., home phone 344-0346 who stated that Thomas Shay had rented the lower level of the garage at that location owned by him and his partner Louis Giamarco. Shay operated an auto body repair shop there and as a result picked up a lot of business from them. He stated that they generally had a good business relationship. He informed us of an incident in which an employee named Desmond Matthews had thrown some kind of a firecracker or M-80 into a 55 gallon drum. Upon going off it created a loud noise and caused some oil to be splashed over one of Shay's customers vehicles.

Shay was upset over this incident but his annoyance did not last long and there was little mention of the incident after that. Berry further informed us that as a result of an increase in the tax rate of \$4000.00 per year that Shay's rent was increased by \$150.00 per month. When Shay was informed of the intended increase he ceased talking to either owner. Within two weeks Shay ceased his business operation and moved out of the building. Berry stated about that time he and Giamarco were served with papers stating that Shay had filed a suit against them because of the firecracker incident.

Berry stated that he occasionally sees Shay drive by the garage in his Buick but he never stops and they have had no conversation.

Berry states that he has no animosity towards Shay and that even though he considers the suit frivolous that the business is covered by insurance. He further stated he had no knowledge of any person who might have a reason to harm Shay. Berry stated that he had learned of the bombing incident earlier in the day on TV.